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US Assistant Secretary of State to visit South Africa to discuss UN intervention in Darfur

- U.S. State Department Spokesman Sean McCormack announced that Kristen Silverberg, the Assistant Secretary of State for International Organizations, will hold talks with South African officials on additional measures needed to force Sudan to accept the deployment of UN peacekeeping forces in Darfur. McCormack added that the agenda of Silverberg's visit will be strictly focused on a UN sanctions resolution for Sudan. McCormack noted Silverberg's visit has been slightly delayed to enable her to hold more discussions with Secretary Rice. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam, Sudan Tribune*)

Sudanese Government denounces US and UK efforts to impose sanction on Sudan

- Presidential Adviser Mustafa Osman Ismail strongly criticized the United States and Britain for threatening to impose sanctions on Khartoum for not accepting a large UN force Darfur. He affirmed Sudan's commitment to the first two UN Support Packages to help the under-funded and 5,000-strong African Union force in Darfur. (*Sudan Vision*)

Darfur

- Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Abul Gheit and intelligence chief Omar Suleiman will arrive in Khartoum today to deliver a message from President Muabarak to President Al-Bashir regarding the situation in Darfur. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

Ex-soldiers occupy Kosti Bridge

Soldiers dismissed from the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) yesterday occupied Kosti Bridge in White Nile State to press the government to pay their end of services' benefit and to protest not

being paid regularly. The protesters demanded to meet with Vice President Taha, who is scheduled to arrive in the state. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam, Al-Ayaam et al*)

American attorneys meet with Undersecretary of the Ministry of Justice

- American attorneys responsible for defending Sudanese detainees in Guantanamo Bay held a meeting yesterday with Undersecretary of the Ministry of Justice Abdel Al-Dayem Zomrawi, in which they stated that the reasons behind the detention of the Sudanese prisoners were political and were made due to criminal reasons. (*Alwatan*)



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